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: MACHINE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A MULTI-LAYERED FIBROUS WEB

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 8, line 1, please delete "or 7".

In claim 11, line 1, please delete "or 10".

In claim 12, line 1, please change "one of the preceding claims" to ---claim 1---.

In claim 13, line 1, please delete "or 2".

In claim 15, line 1, please delete "or 14"...

In claim 16, line 1, please change "one of the claims 13 through 15" to --- claim 13---.

In claim 17, line 1, please change "one of the claims 13 through 16" to --- claim 13---.

In claim 19, line 1, please delete "or 18".